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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Southwest Gas Storage Company

[Docket No. CP15-116-000]

Notice of Request under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on March 18, 2015, Southwest Gas Storage Company (Southwest), 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP15-116-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, requesting authorization to plug and abandon 11 wells, associated lateral pipelines, and appurtenances at its Waverly Storage Field in Morgan County, Illinois, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, Southwest proposes to plug and abandon seven inactive injection/withdrawal wells (Carr 2-9, Staton 2-15, Mosley 2-16, Rogers 1-16, Stenemeyer 2-15, Edwards 1-16, and Wheeler 2-15). Southwest further proposes to abandon the related laterals, totaling 5,362 feet of 4-, 6-, and 8-inch diameter pipeline, with appurtenances. Additionally, Southwest proposes to plug and abandon four observation wells (Dora Hubbs 1-33, Burnett 1-4, B.J. Stenemeyer 1-22, and Wheeler 1-22). Southwest states that the working gas at the Waverly Storage Field has been reduced, leaving a number of wells too far from the gas bubble to provide useful service. Also, Southwest asserts that there have been integrity problems in the lateral pipelines, well site facilities, and wellheads due to corrosion. Southwest states that it does not anticipate storage field operation to change to where the subject wells would be needed for injection/withdrawal service. Southwest avers that the proposed abandonment project will have no effect on the certificated physical parameters of the Waverly Storage Field, including total inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, and certificated capacity. Southwest estimates the cost of the proposed abandonment to be approximately \$853,000.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Stephen Veatch, Sr.

Director of Certificates, Southwest Gas Storage Company, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, by telephone at (713) 989-2024, by facsimile at (713) 989-1205, or by email at stephen_veatch@energytransfer.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: March 30, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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